

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:	) Confirmation No: 4411
Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.	) Group Art Unit: 2894
Serial No. 10/678,083	) Examiner: Brook Kebede
Filed: October 6, 2003	)
For: METHOD OF IRRADIATING LASER,	)
LASER IRRADIATION SYSTEM, AND	)
MANUFACTURING METHOD OF	)
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE	)

RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

The Official Action mailed April 29, 2009, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on October 6, 2003; December 19, 2003; February 17, 2005; March 1, 2005; July 5, 2005; January 5, 2006; March 21, 2006; June 13, 2006; August 29, 2006; December 28, 2006; June 22, 2007; July 5, 2007; October 16, 2007; January 2, 2009; and March 5, 2009.

SECOND REQUEST: However, the Applicant has not received acknowledgment of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 27, 2008 (received by OIPE August 29, 2008).

A further Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith and consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

Claims 10-18, 20, 21, 24-32 and 38 are pending in the present application, of which claims 10-12, 20 and 21 are independent. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Paragraph 3 of the Official Action provisionally rejects claims 10, 11, 13-18, 20, 21 and 24-32 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 13 and 15-24 of Application Serial No. 10/787,120. Paragraph 4 of the Official Action provisionally rejects claims 12 and 38 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the combination of claims 13, 18 and 19 of Application Serial No. 10/787,120 and U.S. Patent No. 5,514,879 to Yamazaki. In response, a *Terminal Disclaimer* is submitted herewith. Upon filing of this *Terminal Disclaimer*, the claims of the present application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejections are requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(a), 1.20(b), 1.20(c), and 1.20(d) (except the Issue Fee) which may be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2280.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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